

URBAN PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Urban Public Library Consortium.

ARTICLE II. Objectives

Section 1. To provide increased communication and information exchange among urban public library administrators.

Section 2. To promote mutual understanding of library issues and problems statewide and nationally, and to address those issues.

Section 3. To promote the marketing of the library as a resource for community development and civic infrastructure.

Section 4. To achieve operational economies through cooperation.

Section 5. To encourage development of professional management and leadership skills, and to apply those skills to librarianship.

ARTICLE III. Members

Section 1. Member libraries shall meet the following two criteria:

- a. Member libraries shall be Certified Libraries as defined by the Standards established by the New Hampshire State Library.
- b. Member libraries shall serve a population of at least 18,001. This criterion is hereby waived for current members. Prospective members not meeting this criterion may be proposed for membership by any current member and may be admitted by a two-thirds vote of the membership.

Section 2. Those eligible for membership shall be limited to the top two administrative positions of the member library, and shall be dues-paying members of the New Hampshire Library Association.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 1. The Officers of the organization shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer. Treasury is deposited with NHLA. In order to distribute the task of secretary equitably, minutes are taken and dispersed by library hosting the meeting.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V. Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings of the organization shall be held monthly on the fourth Friday of the month. No meeting July and August. November and December meeting is held second Friday in December. Meeting date may be amended by consent of a majority of members.

Section 2. The annual meeting shall be held in December.

Section 3. Fifty percent of member libraries shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Each member library shall have one vote per library.

ARTICLE VI. Amendments

The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the member libraries present, provided that the notice of the meeting states such amendment is proposed.

ARTICLE VII. Parliamentary Authority

The organization shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, in all points not covered by these by-laws.

ARTICLE VIII. Disposition of Assets

In the event of the dissolution of this organization, its assets shall remain with New Hampshire Library Association.

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